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For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE WITH MEMORY CELLS INCLUDING A
TUNNEL MAGNETIC RESISTIVE ELEMENT

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